

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are pending in the present application

Claims 1, 5, 7, 8, 13 and 15 are amended.

Claims 4, 6, 9, 10, and 14 are canceled.

No new matter or issues are presented by the amendments to the claims.

35 USC 112 Second Paragraph Rejection

Claims 1-15 were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. Specifically, Claims 1, 5-8 and 13-14 recited "adapted to." The Applicant has amended Claims 1, 5, 7, 8, and 15 to delete the phrase "adapted to." Claims 4 and 13 have been canceled. Therefore, the Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection has been overcome, and requests withdrawal of the rejection.

35 USC 102(b) rejection

Claims 1-4 and 8-12 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Glick (4,063,110).

Independent Claims 1 and 8 have been amended to include the limitation from canceled claims 4: "wherein said conductor opening comprises frangible portions." Glick does not disclose, teach, or suggest a conductor opening comprising frangible portions. Simply being a molded case, as the Examiner suggests, does not render the conductor opening as having a frangible portion. As disclosed at page 7 of the Specification of the present invention, a frangible portion is intended to be frangibly separated and can form an open pathway to the conductor opening. Glick discloses no such feature. No portion of the molded case of Glick is intended to be frangibly separated.

Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1 and 8, and their respective dependent claims, are novel over Glick.

35 USC 103 rejection

Claims 5-7 and 13-15 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Glick in view of Ericksen (5,245,507).

In view of the amendments to the claims, the Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 5, 7, 13 and 15 are patentable over Glick in view of Ericksen. Specifically, there is no

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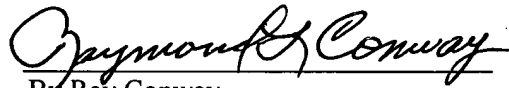
teaching or suggestion in either of Glick or Ericksen for a conductor opening comprising frangible portions as recited in both Independent Claims 1 and 8. Therefore, there can be no motivation to combine the two references, and, even if combined, the resulting structure would not achieve the claimed invention.

Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 5, 7, 13 and 15 are patentable over Glick in view of Ericksen.

Conclusion

For the forgoing reasons, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the claims as amended herein.

Respectfully submitted,


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